

Sidney Township Board Minutes  
Special Meeting  
August 21, 2023

The Sidney Township Board special meeting held at the Sidney Township Hall at 3019 S Grow Road Sidney, Michigan on August 21, 2023 was called to order by Supervisor Peterman at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Supervisor: Terry Peterman, Clerk: Carrie Wills, Treasurer: Corinda Stover; Trustee: Ray Leyrer, Trustee, Erik Benko

AGENDA:

motion was made by Leyrer and seconded by Stover to approve the agenda with an addition under Old Business for Rezoning Parcels in the Sewer District to Waterfront Parcels. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Short-term Rental Issues

The board discussed how to proceed with enforcing the new STR Ordinance. Stover has received an application for a permit. Dale said he will keep files on each of the rental units and keep track of when permits are issued and when they need to be renewed. He will need to keep the board updated at monthly meetings. When an application is received, the owner should be notified that it was received and a time set up for Dale to do his inspection. It was suggested that inspections be done while the property manager is doing cleaning between rentals. Complaints should be directed to Dale. All applications should be received before January 1, 2024 to prepare for the 2024 season. Stover is working on a certificate and permit and is preparing a spreadsheet to list all the STR's. Still need to determine how to pay Dale for the inspections; payroll or separate check.

Building Addition

The addition has been finalized. The final bill from Horn Construction is \$59,500. There was a question as to whether or not the ramp is built to code. A mat should be placed from the front door to the carpeted area and possibly getting a Roomba vacuum.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to pay Horn Construction the final payment of \$59,500. Motion carried.

Hall Chairs

The board agreed that at least 84 chairs are needed to replace the folding and old chairs.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to purchase 84 chairs to replace the old chairs at a cost not to exceed \$3200. Motion carried

Stover presented a quote for a new copy machine which includes a monthly service fee. Price for the machine is \$1493.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to purchase the xerox copy machine or \$1493 as per the quote. Motion carried.

Other supplies still needed that could come from the ARPA fund are new blinds, a tall stool for use at the front counter, a coat tree, crowd control posts for use during elections, two smaller folding tables and outdoor bulletin boards for the hall and the park.

Other needed items to check into are: an electric sign for in front of the hall, security cameras, cement for in front of the hall and specifics for a pickle ball court/tennis court.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to purchase the above listed items at a cost not to exceed \$1000. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Leyrer to purchase the bulletin boards but look for some that have plexiglass and not glass and not to cost over \$1700. Motion carried.

#### Rezoning of Lots in Sewer District

The board discussed the Planning Commission's idea to rezone all the lots within the sewer district to water front zoning. The zoning map doesn't clearly define which back lots are actually zoned as waterfront or residential lots. We need to clarify which lots are in what zoning areas. Leyrer suggested changing district lines but the board questioned if that can legally be done and why it would be necessary. Leyrer will try to find a map that is most current and determine how lots are currently zoned.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Cemetery Ordinance

Peterman and Wills will meet and draft a cemetery ordinance for the board to review. The existing rules and regulations will need to be included and Peterman would like to see a limit set for the number of lots to be sold at one time.

##### Park Pavilion

A quote was received from an D&D Polebarns to replace the North pavilion at the park. The quote was \$14,700 for a 24x16x10 pavilion and \$25,400 for a 24x32x10. The quote does not say if tearing down the existing pavilion and removing the cement is included. Peterman will find out that information. Also need to get a quote for the cost of replacing the cement. The current balance in the park fund is \$45,324.75

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

When a junk ordinance complaint has been filed and a ticket is issued, there is a \$1000 fine per month if the property is not cleaned up and the owner will have to go in front of the judge.

#### ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Stover and seconded by Benko to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. Motion carried.

Carrie Wills